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E.O. 12356: DECL: 20 YEARS  
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING ARE UNCLEARED DRAFT POINTS THAT WERE  
PREPARED FOR AN A/S MOOSE-KAGAME TELCON ABOUT UNAMIR (NOT  
SURE AT THIS POINT WHEN/IF THAT CALL WILL OCCUR).  
WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS. YOU MAY ALSO FIND THE POINTS  
USEFUL FOR YOUR OWN UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH GOR OFFICIALS  
ON THIS ISSUE:

BEGIN DRAFT POINTS:

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-- I AM CALLING TODAY TO ADDRESS ONLY ONE ISSUE ON OUR SHARED AGENDA, THAT OF UNAMIR RENEWAL.

-- WHEN (WE) (VICE-PRESIDENT KAGAME AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE) MET, (WE) (THEY) AGREED THAT BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND RWANDA WOULD WORK TO A CONSTRUCTIVE RENEWAL OF THE UNAMIR MANDATE.

-- RESPONDING TO NEW CONDITIONS IN RWANDA AND THE DESIRES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ARE TRYING TO WRITE AN APPROPRIATE NEW MANDATE, WHICH GREATLY REDUCES THE NUMBERS. BUT WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE NOT REACHED A POINT WHERE WE CAN FORSEE IN SIX MONTHS THE END OF UNAMIR.

-- IN THIS CONTEXT, I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS RWANDA'S DEMAND THAT THE FORCE BE RADICALLY REDUCED, THAT IT BE RESTRICTED TO KIGALI AND THAT IT BE TOTALLY WITHDRAWN AT THE END OF SIX MONTHS.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT RWANDA IS A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY AND AS SUCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY WITHIN ITS BORDERS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE ALSO UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS THAT ONLY UNAMIR WITH FREEDOM TO MOVE ABOUT THE COUNTRY CAN SERVICE.

-- THESE REQUIREMENTS SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES AGREED TO AT THE GENEVA ROUNDTABLE AND WERE REAFFIRMED IN LAST MONTH'S MEETINGS.

-- WE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE JUST  
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REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN LAST WEEK'S VERY SUCESSFUL MEETING IN KIGALI. WE HAVE A DEEP DESIRE TO SEE THIS BODY MOVE AHEAD EFFECTIVELY AND RAPIDLY.

-- THE TRIBUNAL'S PROSECUTORS, INVESTIGATORS AND JUDGES REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT TRANSPARENTLY GUARANTEES THEIR INDEPENDENCE. THEY CANNOT RELY ON A NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR PROTECTION. THUS, PROTECTION AND SUPPPORT

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FOR THE TRIBUNAL IS INCLUDED IN UNAMIR'S MANDATE, AND WE DO NOT EXPECT THIS REQUIREMENT TO END IN SIX MONTHS. UNAMIR'S PRESENCE IN RWANDA WILL BE REQUIRED UNTIL THE TRIBUNAL COMPLETES ITS WORK.

-- WE AGREED IN KIGALI ON THE NEED TO SUSTAIN CONDITIONS IN RWANDA THAT WILL ENCOURAGE REFUGEE RETURN. UNAMIR'S ROLE IN THIS DYNAMIC IS IMPORTANT ON ITS OWN. IN ADDITION, ITS SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS -- WHO ONCE AGAIN CANNOT RELY ON NATIONAL AUTHORITY TO DO THEIR JOB -- IS ALSO ESSENTIAL IN THIS CONTEXT.

-- UNAMIR WILL ALSO SERVE OTHER COMMON OBJECTIVES:

- UNAMIR WILL ASSIST IN DEMINING PROGRAMS;
- UNAMIR WILL TRAIN CIVILIAN POLICE;
- UNAMIR WILL ACT AS A POINT OF LAISON BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE REFUGEE CAMPS, ENCOURAGING RETURN;
- UNAMIR WILL ASSIST THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL  
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REPRESENTATIVE AS HE ENCOURAGES RETURN AND RECONCILIATION.

-- WE BELIEVE UNAMIR PLAYS AN INDESPENSIBLE ROLE IN RWANDA AND THAT IT SHOULD BE RENEWED AT A SUFFICIENT LEVEL AND WITH FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

-- I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PRODUCE A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY RENEWAL OF THE UNAMIR MANDATE PRIOR TO JUNE 9.

-- (IF UNAMIR'S ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE OUT BIZIMUNGU'S SON IS RAISED:) WE WERE VERY CONCERNED BY THE ACTION OF LOCAL UNAMIR COMMANDERS. WE ARE RAISING THIS ISSUE IN NEW YORK. BUT WE DO NOT THINK THAT THIS INCIDENT ANY MORE DESCRIBES UNAMIR'S ROLE AND INTENTIONS THAN THE KIBEHO INCIDENT DESCRIBES THE PURPOSES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

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END DRAFT POINTS

3. FOLLOWING IS A MORE GENERIC (CLEARED) VERSION OF OUR UNAMIR POINTS, WHICH SETS FORTH OUR POSITION IN MORE GENERAL TERMS AND MAY BE OF SOME INTEREST/USE AT YOUR END:

BEGIN POINTS:

-- RESPONDING TO NEW CONDITIONS IN RWANDA AND THE DESIRES OF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ARE TRYING TO WRITE AN APPROPRIATE NEW MANDATE FOR UNAMIR. WE BELIEVE THAT A CONTINUED UNAMIR PRESENCE  
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IS NECESSARY IN RWANDA.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT RWANDA IS A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY AND AS SUCH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY WITHIN ITS BORDERS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE ALSO UNIQUE FUNCTIONS THAT ONLY UNAMIR WITH FREEDOM TO MOVE ABOUT THE COUNTRY CAN PERFORM.

-- THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REMAINS COMMITTED TO RECONCILIATION THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE RETURN OF AN ESTIMATED TWO MILLION RWANDAN REFUGEES. UNAMIR IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE EFFORT TO REASSURE THESE REFUGEES THAT THEY CAN RETURN IN SAFETY.

-- WE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE JUST REAFFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN LAST WEEK'S VERY SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN KIGALI. WE WANT THIS BODY TO MOVE AHEAD EFFECTIVELY AND RAPIDLY TO PROMOTE RECONCILIATION BY ASSURING RWANDANS THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE WILL BE PUNISHED.

-- THE TRIBUNAL'S PROSECUTORS, INVESTIGATORS AND JUDGES REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT ASSUMES THEIR SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE. THUS, PROTECTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE TRIBUNAL IS INCLUDED IN UNAMIR'S MANDATE. SOME UNAMIR PRESENCE IN RWANDA WILL BE REQUIRED AT LEAST UNTIL THE TRIBUNAL COMPLETES ITS WORK.

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- UNAMIR HELPS TRAIN CIVILIAN POLICE;

- UNAMIR CAN ACT AS A POINT OF LIAISON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY, ENCOURAGING RETURN;

- UNAMIR ASSISTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AS HE ENCOURAGES RETURN AND RECONCILIATION.

END POINTS

4. MERIDIAN: ANY LUCK ON THE MERIDIAN HOTEL QUESTION? I REALLY WANTS AN ANSWER ON LIBYAN OWNERSHIP BEFORE THE WEEKEND. WE FOUND AN OLD CABLE (1991) ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH INDICATED THAT, AT LEAST AT THAT TIME, LIBYA HAD A 60 PERCENT (ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE) OWNERSHIP INTEREST AND THE GOR HAD 40 PERCENT. THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY THAT REALLY RAN THE HOTEL WAS WHOLLY FRENCH-OWNED. LIBYANS HAD THREE MEMBERS ON THE HOTEL BOARD THEN, AND RWANDANS HAD 2 (REFLECTING THE 60/40 OWNERSHIP SPLIT). IF THIS IS STILL THE CASE, WE MAY NEED A LICENSE FROM TREASURY FOR THE DETAILEES TO PAY THEIR BILLS .... (BUT DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU READ ON THIS UNTIL A CLEARED FRONT-CHANNEL ARRIVES). HOPE YOU CAN GET THE FACTS TO US SO WE CAN MAKE THE LEGAL DETERMINATION BEFORE THE WEEKEND. SORRY FOR THE (ADDITIONAL) HASSLE.

5. RUHENGERI POWER?: WHAT'S THIS ABOUT TROUBLE WITH THE RUHENGERI POWER STATION? SABOTAGE BY "BANDITS" PERHAPS? PLEASE GIVE US THE FULL DETAILS (TO THE EXTENT ANYONE CAN GET THE "FACTS" ON THESE KINDS OF THINGS). THANKS.

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